Australia Displays Tourist Sites, Transports





Some of Australia's favorite tourist experiences are being celebrated by Australia Post through a new stamp issue featuring a range of transport vehicles for sightseeing tours.

Australia Post Philatelic Manager, Michael Zsolt said Australians have a love for travel and sometimes it's the journey that counts more than the destination. "We trust Australians who have experienced the 'travel bug' will appreciate these wonderful modes of transport to some of Australia's spectacular and popular tourist destinations," Mr. Zsolt said.

The tourist transport vehicles in this new stamp issue are:

• Victor Harbor horse-drawn tram, South Australia – The lovely coastal city of Victor Harbor on the Fleurieu Peninsula of South Australia hosts the Horse-Drawn Tram, a service first established in 1894.

Each of the four trams is hauled by one of a team of eight Clydesdale horses along a 630-meter viaduct or pier.

• Seaplane, Whitsunday Islands, Queensland – Queensland's spectacular Whitsunday Islands and the Great Barrier Reef can be viewed from the air in popular seaplane tours conducted by Air Whitsunday.





- Puffing Billy, Dandenong Ranges, Victoria For many years, the early 20th-century steam train, Puffing Billy, has been one of Victoria's favorite attractions. The iconic engine runs on its original mountain track from Belgrave to Gembrook in the temperate forests of the Dandenong Ranges, just outside Melbourne.
- Cruise boat, Katherine Gorge, Northern Territory Katherine Gorge comprises thirteen gorges carved through ancient sandstone by the Katherine River and is the central attraction of Nitmiluk National Park in the Northern Territory. Canoe and flat-bottomed cruise boats transport tourists as far as the fifth gorge.

The stamps were designed by John White of the Australia Post Design Studio. The issue comprises four domestic base-rate (70c) stamps. Products associated with this stamp issue include a first day cover, stamp pack, booklet of $10 \times 70c$, a roll of $100 \times 70c$ self-adhesive stamps, designed gutter strip of $10 \times 70c$ stamps, four postcards and a set of four maxicards.

The Tourist Transport stamp issue is available from March 3, 2015 at www.auspost.com.au/stamps or contact the Australia Stamp Agency in North America toll free (USA and Canada) on 1-800-443-4225 while stocks last.